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1. A new wage scale for railway workers was put into force on 1 April 1947. Officially this new agreement is entitled "Kollektivvertrag" and has brought about the following general changes:

- a. the discontinuation of subsidiary payments to workers with children (formerly this payment amounted to RM 20 monthly).
- b. the abolishment of seniority rights.
- c. the creation of uniform wage scales and a new system of wage-group division "without distinction as to sex, age, size of family."
- d. substantial shortening of leave periods.
- e. continuation of salary during illness for up to three months.
- f. in case of death, the continuation of wage payments through the following month.

2. The following are the new hourly wage levels of "Sonderklasse" listed in the Berlin wage scale table:

a. Wage Group I	Workers with simple jobs	83 Pf.
b. Wage Group II	Workers with heavy jobs	91 Pf.
c. Wage Group III	Semi-skilled workers	98 Pf.
d. Wage Group IV	Foremen, specialists with short training	102 Pf.
e. Wage Group V	Artisans	111 Pf.
f. Wage Group VI	First-rate artisans	118 Pf.
g. Wage Group VII	Artisan foremen and artisan specialists	127 Pf.

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3. Prior to 1 April 1947 wage groups, by contrast, had run the following:

a.	Wage Group C	Workers with simple tasks	75-80 Pf.
b.	Wage Group B	Non-artisans	83-88 Pf.
	" " B	Semi-skilled workers	86-91 Pf.
	" " B	Foremen (semi-skilled)	90-95 Pf.
c.	Wage Group A	Artisans	98-103 Pf.
	" " A	Skilled artisans	105-112 Pf.
	" " A	Artisan foremen	113-119 Pf.

4. The new regulations were a cause of great discontent to workers with long service and children. Workers reacted favorably, however, to the three-month provision concerning sickness. Formerly only white-collar RR workers continued to draw salary during prolonged illness.

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